A GUIDE TO

Russia





Russia is the largest nation in the world, stretching over 11 different time zones. There are many different cities to visit and some great attractions and tours to attend. Russia can be lovely weather in some areas of the country and also be downright brutally cold.



The culture is very different than other countries but there are similar events, foods and entertainment throughout Russia that is also found in other countries.



## Transportation is very Crucial in Russia because it is such a big country. One of the ways to travel is by plane with Nordavia Regional airlines, [Aeroflot-Russian Airlines](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aeroflot-Russian_Airlines), Sky Express and many more.

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## The country also has over 53,000 miles of common carrier train routes. Russian Railways are the second largest network in the world, smaller only to the [United States](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States). Cars also are another common way of traveling from city to city or even if you needed to travel a rather far distance.

## The Capital of Russia is Moscow. There are also some other important cities where you can visit while you are in Russia. Some of those popular cities are Saint Petersburg, Nizhny Novgorod, Samara and Vladivostok. Saint Petersburg today is one of the most important cultural, scientific and industrial cities in Russia, housing several hundred of museums and exhibition halls. Nizhny Novgorod is the fourth largest city in Russia and a great number of historical, architectural and cultural monuments have remained in the City. All anyone needs to do is walk in the city to get the feeling of renaissance. Samara is one of the older cities in Russia and is known for the Museum of Aleksey Tolstoy, and a Drama Theater. The city Vladivostok is both a historical and commercial hub, making it a very interesting city. One of the highly attractive spots to visit in Russia is Saint Basil's Cathedral, with its elegant onion domes located in Moscow. The Patriarch of Moscow, whose residence is the Danilov Monastery, serves as the head of the Russian Orthodox Church. Another big attraction is the Red Square (Russia’s Glorious Heritage). This is where throughout history people would meet to hear news and follow the government. Also around the Red Square, is the Kazan Cathedral, Russia’s National Museum.

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## Dining is another very important thing for visitors of Russia. If you are a first time visitor to Russia then most likely you are in the dark about where is good, and not good. Even though the nation of Russia does not have the same culture as America or England or Spain or China, there still is a great deal of different selection offered to our countrymen and visitors. Here are a few places to eat and a brief description of each: Dining Locations:

## ****Champion**:** “An old-fashion, unassuming café. Not much to look at but serves fantastic grilled meats and vegetables.”—Sergey Parkhomenko, food columnist, tel. 7 499 978 9450.

## ****Stolle****: “The best homemade Russian-style pies in town.”—Nathan Toohey. A quaint old-fashioned café famous for its sweet and tasty pastries; walls adorned with black and white photos; soft interior encourages lingering. tel. 7 495 246 0632

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## ****Starlite Diner:**** Old-fashioned American-style diner with linoleum countertops and plastic booths; popular with expatriate community; extensive breakfast menu; open 24 hours a day. tel. 7 495 290 9638

## ****GlavPivTorg:**** “Designed to resemble a Soviet ministerial club, has specialty brewed beers and retro lounge acts.”—Nathan Toohey. Elegant atmosphere, with high ceilings and engraved Soviet slogans. tel. 7 495 628 2591

## ****Uzbekistan:**** “Divans, hookah pipes, cushions, belly dancers, and some very good Uzbek food”—Irakli Iosebashvili. One of the city’s oldest restaurants, dating to 1951 tel. 7 495 623 0585

## ****Pushkin Café:**** The original haute russe restaurant, serving crêpes stuffed with caviar, soups, sturgeon, salmon, and steaks drenched in rich sauces. The formal 19th-century mansion is popular with tourists. tel. 7 495 739 0033

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## Language throughout Russia can include a mix of languages. Primarily of the 150 million people who live in Russia, about 81% speak Russian as their first and only language. There are over 100 other minority dialects, but the next common language is Tartar spoken by about 3% of the population.

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## Climate is also somewhat hectic in Russia. Since it is such a huge country you can actually experience either freezing temperatures in Siberia and tundra climate in the North. At the same time summers vary from warm in the south to cool along the Arctic coast. In Siberia and throughout the Northern part of Russia generally the area is cool and rather cold throughout most of the year. As a visitor make sure you pack accordingly for the harsh conditions or pleasant weather. Just remember in Russia it snows most of the year. Good luck!



Entertainment- In Russia what is there to do? That might make you wonder if it’s actually worth making the trip all the way to Russia from your home country. The real question should be, what can’t you do in Russia, and the truth is Russia has so many things to do. There are chain restaurants, famous museums, sport teams to watch, movie theaters to go to, and even concert venues. In the last 10 years the bar scene has rapidly grown, and there are more clubs and bars available for anyone who wants to go. There also are a ton of tours given each year in museums, and in the countryside to see the beautiful scenery of Russia. As a tourist and even a native of Russia, people in general have a lot of options for entertainment or recreational fun.

Continued Growth is something that the Russian federation has done in the past and will continue to strive for each year. As the world population becomes bigger and bigger and the space on our planet is limited, we as the physical largest country in the world will have to be more accommodating to any tourists or visitors from around the world. As long as we are opening and welcoming other cultures, we can become closer and develop better relationships with each other and eventually with other countries. We hope that this brochure in a way helped you by giving you a glimpse about our country and culture. We certainly cannot include everything because you need to experience the country more on your own. Have fun while in our country and Good Luck!

